



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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Customer Assistance

Janien Reeves,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	<u>ORDER ADOPTING</u>
v.)	<u>INITIAL DECISION</u>
)	
Public Service Electric and Gas Company,)	BPU Docket No. EC02060380U
)	OAL Docket No. PUC 9814-02
Respondent.)	

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On June 25, 2002, Janien Reeves (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities (Board) for a hearing regarding a billing dispute with Public Service Electric and Gas Company (Respondent). On January 29, 2001, Respondent filed an answer requesting dismissal of the petition.

On October 17, 2002, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for determination and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Thomas E. Clancy.

During the pendency of this matter at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and executed a Stipulation of Settlement. The settlement was submitted to the ALJ for review. On March 7, 2003, ALJ Clancy filed his Initial Decision with the Board, recommending that the settlement be approved. The ALJ found the settlement to be voluntary, consistent with the law and fully dispositive of all issues in controversy. The ALJ therefore concluded that the settlement met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

The settlement provides that Petitioner will apply to N.J. Shares for payment assistance. Any amount received from N.J. Shares will be used to pay the PSE&G bill in dispute. Respondent will credit Petitioner's account with the difference between \$2,700 and the amount that N.J. Shares pays toward the bill.

After review, the Board FINDS that the terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable. Therefore, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement in their entirety, incorporating the terms thereof into this final decision as if fully set forth at length herein.

DATED: 4/11/03

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